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Applicant:

Ronald L. Steen et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Title:

WHITE LED HEADLIGHT

Attorney Docket:

SCH-00059-US2

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PETITION FOR ENTERING AN OATH OR DECLARATION WHEN THE INVENTOR REFUSES TO SIGN UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(A)

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Sir:

This is a petition for filing of an oath or declaration on behalf of an inventor that refuses to sign for the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office enter the accompanying oath or declaration of coinventor Kyle P. Lucas on behalf of the non-signing inventor Ronald L. Steen.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47(a), if a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself or herself and a non-signing inventor provided; the oath or declaration is accompanied by;

- (1) A petition including proof of pertinent facts;
- (2) The last known address of the non-signing inventor;
- (3) The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(h) (i.e., \$130.00).

With regard to the first requirement of proof of pertinent facts, the Applicant's representative, Phil Warn, respectfully submits that:

- (1) On August 23, 2005 a letter was sent to Mr. Ronald L. Steen and Mr. Kyle P. Lucas along with a copy of the application, drawings and oath or declaration. See Tab A of the attached declaration. The letter requested that the inventors sign and return the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment for the referenced application.
- (2) A signed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment was received from Mr. Lucas, but not from Mr. Steen.
- (3) On October 28, 2005 a second letter to Mr. Steen was sent with a copy of the application, drawings and oath or declaration. See Tab A of the attached declaration. The letter requested him to sign and return the oath or declaration. The documents were sent via Certified Mail, and was received and signed by a Lynn M. Steen on November 3, 2005. The return receipt had shown that Mr. Steen had relocated and that the package was received at his new address. Tab A.
- (4) On November 30, 2005 a third request letter was sent to Mr. Steen at his new residency via Certified Mail. A return postcard was received showing a signature from Lynn M. Steen on December 5, 2005. See Tab A of the attached declaration

(5) An Internet search was done to try and find a phone number, to contact Mr.

Steen, but there were no listings for him. See Tab B of the Attached

declaration.

The above statement of facts are also reiterated in the attached declaration of Philip

R. Warn who is one of the attorneys assigned to prosecute this case.

With regard to the second requirement, Applicant submits that Mr. Steen's last known

address was 596 Oxford Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

With regard to the third requirement of the 37 C.F. R. Section 1.47(a), the Applicant

has included a check in the amount of \$710.00 (\$130.00 for late oath or declaration

surcharge, \$130.00 for the petition and \$450.00 for a 2 month extension of time) the

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any underpayment or credit

associated with this petition to Deposit Account No. 501916 (Warn, Hoffmann, Miller &

LaLone, P.C.). Also enclosed is the signed declaration of co inventor Kyle P. Lucas.

The undersigned attorney submits that all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section

1.47(a) have been fulfilled and respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office accept the enclosed oath or declaration signed by co-inventor Kyle P. Lucas on

behalf of himself and the uncooperative inventor Ronald L. Steen.

Respectfully submitted,

WARN, HOFFMANN, MILLER & LALONEP P.C.

Dated: <u>Dev 2, 2005</u>

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Sir or Madam:

I Philip R. Warn hereby declare that:

- (1) One of the above referenced inventors, Ronald L. Steen, was formerly an employee of Schefenacker Vision Systems USA.
- (2) During the course of his employment, Ronald L. Steen was under an obligation to assign all inventions made during his employment to Schefenacker Vision Systems USA; this obligation includes the invention described in the application entitled "WHITE LED HEADLIGHT" which was made during the course of Mr. Steen's employment.
 - (3) Mr. Steen has since left Schefenacker Vision Systems USA.

- (4) I have attempted to procure Mr. Steen's signature on the Oath or Declaration and have been unable to do so.
- (5) The first attempt was made on August 23, 2005 where I mailed a copy of the Application papers (specification including claims, drawings, and Oath or Declaration) to Mr. Steen at his former address of 7828 Brookpines Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348.
- (6) On October 28, 2005 I sent a second letter via certified mail to Mr. Steen requesting that he again sign the papers and send them back to us. Another copy of the Application papers (specification including claims, drawings, and Oath or Declaration) was included with this follow-up letter. The certified mail postcard came back indicating that Mr. Steen had moved and that the Application papers (specification including claims, drawings, and Oath or Declaration) was forwarded on to his new address at 596 Oxford Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046. (See **Tab A** copy of original letter sent, and follow up letter with return receipt postcard)
- (7) The return receipt postcard indicated that the Application papers (specification including claims, drawings, and Oath or Declaration) had been delivered to Mr. Steen at his new address since it was signed as being received.
- (8) On November 30, 2005 a third letter was sent, this one also via certified mail to Mr. Steen requesting that he again sign the papers and send them back to us. Once again we received receipt via the return receipt postcard that the letter had been delivered to Mr. Steen's address on December 5, 2005. (See **Tab A** copy of letter sent and return receipt)
- (9) In addition, I attempted to do an internet search (See **Tab B**) to try and locate a telephone number for Mr. Steen so that I could personally contact him. The internet search revealed that there is no listed number for Mr. Steen.

(10) Based upon the above facts it appears that Mr. Steen is unwilling to sign the Oath or Declaration.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true, and that all statements on information and believe are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and as such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Der 12, 2005

Philip R. War

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application

Serial No. 10/521,285 - Filed: January 14, 2005 Inventor(s): Ronald L. Steen & Kyle P. Lucas

Title: WHITE LED HEADLIGHT Your Reference: LIP-02-002 Our File No. SCH-00059-US2

Dear Ron & Kyle:

We now need to submit a Declaration & Power of Attorney and Assignment for the above-referenced patent application (a copy of which is enclosed for your reference). Therefore, please sign the enclosed documents where indicated. Also, please note that this Assignment must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public and notarized.

Once the enclosed documents have been signed, please return the originally executed documents to me for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office before the due date of **September 27, 2005**.

Thank you very much for your help in this regard. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Philip R. Warn

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